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Applicants' response filed 5/18/07 to the Ex Parte Quayle Action of 12/20/06 puts this application in condition for allowance. However, due to a potential interference, this case is being forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. The amendment filed 5/18/07 has been entered.

**Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Claire M. Kaufman, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0873. Dr. Kaufman can generally be reached Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30AM to 2:30PM.

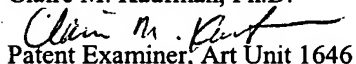
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Nickol, can be reached at (571) 272-0835.

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